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# Tilia americana

## American Linden



Also called basswood. A large tree, often multi-trunked. Very fragrant, small, creamy-white flowers in June or July, nicely conspicuous against the dark green foliage. Loved by honeybees. Fall color often a good yellow. Transplants easily. Suckers heavily around base of trunk if injured (i.e., by lawn mowers). Foliage often damaged by insects.

**Suggested companions:** American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), white oak (*Quercus alba*), black walnut (*Juglans nigra*).

Photo Credit: Chuck Cares

Plant Type: Tree  
Size: 55-70' H  
30-60' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:  
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist

Exposure: sun  
filtered  
shade

Flower Color:  
White  
Yellow

Bloom Time:  
June  
July

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:  
Fragrant  
Fall color